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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **GROUP 2833** PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Yasumichi KUWAYAMA, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2002, please consider the remarks and Supplemental Declaration submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Applicant notes that the present Supplemental Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is being submitted in response to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated November 27, 2002, and the Examiner's comments set forth therein.

Discussion:

As an initial matter, Applicant notes that Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the inadequacy of the Inventors' Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, and the exhibits attached thereto, filed on November 18, 2002.